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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0001] of the specification as indicated below.

The present application claims priority as a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/136,095, filed April 30, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,759,081, issued July 6, 2004, which in turn claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/290,503. In addition, this application is related to pending U.S. Application No. 09/997,396, filed November 28, 2001, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/250,533, filed November 30, 2000 and is entitled Thin Films for Magnetic Devices.